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1. U. S. Patent No. 3,852,441 (KOOISTRA, JOHN A., JR.) 3 December 1974 (1974-12-03).
2. U. S. Patent No. 5,227,156 A (WIESE, ROBERT S.) 13 July 1993 (1993-07-13).
3. European Patent No. 0 077 630 A1 (BEECHAM GROUP PLC) 12 October 1982 (1982-10-12).

Applicants submit that copies of the above-cited references are enclosed herewith.

If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a discussion with Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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